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Status report on GeoLocator service developments under European location services

Summary**

EuroGeographics continues to develop means of serving European users with geographical names and other spatial data derived from national mapping and cadastral authorities from a single access point. The work started by the EuroGeoNames service has been significantly improved through the design of the GeoLocator service under the European Location Framework project and has continued with the further aim of enabling the operation of European location services by 2018. The GeoLocator service is a gazetteer type of web service, made available to the public for testing and evaluation. It currently contains information on the geographical names, addresses and administrative unit data of 24 European countries. Members of the EuroGeographics association continue to develop and improve the GeoLocator service, which accommodates national INSPIRE-compliant services, and are thereby meeting growing demands of users.

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